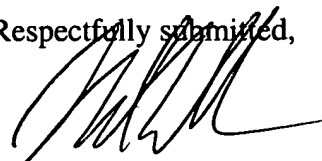


REMARKS

Claims 1- 14 are now pending in the application. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 are being amended to eliminate multiple dependency of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael E. Whitham', written over the typed name.

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